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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE 30-51: Prospects for Creation of a Middle East Defense Grouping and Probable Consequences of Such a Development

BACKGROUND

1. NIE 30-51 was initiated by O/NE to examine the problems likely to be involved in the "northern tier" approach to Middle East Defense and to anticipate the policy-maker's need for such intelligence at an early stage in the planning process. Two weeks ago the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs requested that the NIE be completed as soon as possible to provide intelligence support for an impending NSC paper.

SUBSTANCE

2. The substance of the estimate was agreed to by the IAC representatives. However, a number of changes have subsequently been cleared at the representative level and are attached. A few additional minor points may be raised at the IAC meeting.

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